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Thank you for your email. A copy has been forwarded to the Community Design members.

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From: Emma Griffis
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 10:21 AM
To: All Clerk
Subject: to the Community Design Commission

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Community Design Commission:

I just found out about the plans of Ram Development Company to build a 15.6-acre condominium complex at 425 Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill. I come to you as a Carolina alumni and past Town House Apartments resident to urge you not to allow this development to happen. As an undergraduate student at Carolina, my friends and I had difficulty finding affordable housing near campus. Town House, although old and not exactly the nicest of apartment complexes, provided both affordability and close proximity to campus. My roommates and I thoroughly enjoyed our two years at Town House, were able to walk or bike to class every day, and made it through college with less debt and more freedom than had we been living somewhere else.

I deeply believe that the space on Hillsborough Street should be reserved for similar affordable student housing, if not Town House Apartments themselves. There is no reason to build condominiums that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, which only wealthy young professionals can afford. Those who can afford the condos have ample resources available to them and can find similar housing not far from Hillsborough Street and the downtown area. Save the space for University students who would not be able to afford other housing, and keep our community as it is: a college town in which all are able to happily live, work, and study within their means. Don't push them out.

Sincerely,
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